

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2404

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President Donald J. Trump
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Trump,

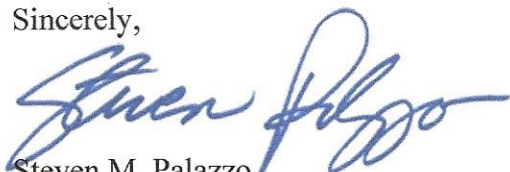
It is an honor to write this letter on behalf of Mr. Hershel "Woody" Williams, Medal of Honor, CWO4 USMC (Retired). A true patriot and highly decorated World War II veteran, Woody represents the very fabric of the American spirit. As the representative of Mississippi's Fourth Congressional District and a United States Marine, I humbly request that you consider him for receipt of the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Woody's life is best described as a series of moments spent in service of others. As he is the sole surviving Marine Corps recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor from the Battle of Iwo Jima, it would be redundant to mention his meritorious actions in combat. Echoing his military heroism is his work outside of the battlefield, which includes establishing the Hershel Woody Williams Congressional Medal of Honor Education Foundation, Inc., speaking to audiences across the nation, and working as a distinguished veteran's service officer.

A cursory search would reveal several of Woody's namesakes to include a VA Medical Center, VFW Post, National Guard Armory, Bridge, and the USNS Hershel "Woody" Williams. With awards and accolades too numerous to mention, it is fitting and proper that he be granted the highest of honors afforded to an American citizen.

I reiterate my vehement support of Mr. Hershel "Woody" Williams, an American of the highest caliber, and I thank you for your consideration of this important request. Semper Fi!

Sincerely,



Steven M. Palazzo
Member of Congress